Please amend page 28, last paragraph as follows:

The system check unit 1102 judges whether or not the files-and-directories structure of the unified management directory 157 in the virtualized-and-unified file system 103 and the files-and-directories structure in each of the network storages 120 to 122 maintain consistency and, in the case of a inconsistency, make them to consistent. The system check unit 1102 also judges whether or not the files-and-directories structure of the unified management directory 157 in the replication-source virtualized-and-unified file system 103 and the files-and-directories structure of the unified management directory 167 in the replication-destination virtualized-and-unified file system 104 maintain consistency and, in the case of an inconsistency, makes them to consistent. A consistency or inconsistency can be determined by issuing, e.g., the ~~LOOIUP~~ LOOKUP request in accordance with the NFS protocol, acquiring the attribute information thereof, and comparing. If an inconsistency is fixed, the system check unit 1102 writes a correction record in a log.